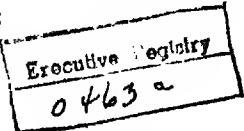


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July 21, 1948



Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, USN,
Director of Central Intelligence,
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the proposed procedures of the Central Intelligence Agency for the adjudication of loyalty cases under Executive Order 9835, which were submitted for the approval of the Loyalty Review Board pursuant to the Board's Directive I to the Departments and Agencies.

The proposed procedures were considered recently by a panel of the Board, which had before it the draft dated June 28th with amendments familiar to Mr. Pforzheimer of your staff, as supplemented by his statement that in cases appealed to the Loyalty Review Board the Central Intelligence Agency would furnish a complete file as defined in the Regulations and Directives of the Loyalty Review Board, and also that your agency would furnish a report on the disposition of every case in which a copy of a Federal Bureau of Investigation report is received by this Board.

Your representative has been informed orally of the conclusions of the panel, which were that in order to bring the proposed procedures into conformity with the Board's Directives to the Departments and Agencies, two changes are necessary: (1) There should be deleted from paragraph 1 the proposed additional phrase, "except as modified by mutual agreement," and (2) there should be included in paragraph 12 the phrase, "representatives of the Loyalty Review Board."

Exceptions cannot be made in favor of one agency with respect to general Directives being followed by the other agencies. A loyalty matter is, after all, only a loyalty matter, regardless of the agency involved. The Directives to which the above points pertain were promulgated by the Board as standard provisions, to assure essential uniformity among all agencies participating in the Federal Employees Loyalty Program.

The points which have been raised will be presented for the consideration of the Board at its next meeting.

However, pending a decision by the full Board, this is to inform you that since the proposed agency procedures have not been approved,

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the Loyalty Review Board could not accept appeals in any cases handled thereunder. It is to be understood that if the Central Intelligence Agency takes action on loyalty matters under authority of Executive Order 9835, all Directives issued to the Departments and Agencies, for general application, will apply to the Agency.

Sincerely yours,


Seth W. Richardson
Chairman
Loyalty Review Board